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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18, 19, 23, and 26 through 37 are pending. Claims 1 through 17, 20 through 22, 24 and 25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In an office action mailed June 1, 2005 (Paper no. 20050527), claims 18-20 and 26-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,216,171 to Isono et al. (hereinafter "Isono") in view of U.S. Patent 6,434,165 to Sherer et al (hereinafter "Sherer"). Claims 31-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isono in view of U.S. Patent 6,658,610 to Enns, et al. (hereinafter "Enns"). Claims 21 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isono in view of Sherer and further in view of Enns. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Applicants appreciate the interview with the Examiner on August 9, 2005 in which the allowability of claim 18 as amended to include the limitations of claims 20 and 21 was indicated. This amendment after final presents independent claims containing such amendments, as well as amendments to correct minor informalities in various other claims. Based on the indication of allowability given in the telephone interview of August 9, 2005, all pending claims are believed to be allowable, and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicant submits that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 939-8657 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No additional fee is believed to be due. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Godwin Gruber LLP, No. 500530.

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